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No. 1.—An Act providing for the publication of the Laws passed at the present session of the Legislature.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont as follows:
Sec. 1. The Auditor of Accounts is hereby directed to draw orders on the Treasurer of the State for the sum of five dollars, in favor of the publishers of such newspapers in this State, as shall insert and publish in their respective papers, as soon as may be, the laws passed at the present session of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved April 26, 1861.

No. 2.—An Act to provide for raising six special Regiments for immediate service for protecting and defending the Constitution and Union.

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. The Governor is hereby authorized and required to raise, organize and muster into the service of this State without delay, two Regiments of soldiers; and at such time as in his discretion it may appear necessary, four other Regiments, each Regiment to consist of the Regimental Officers following: that is to say: One Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major, one Surgeon, Surgeon's mate, and Chaplain, with such Staff Officers as are provided for by the Laws of the United States; for each Company one Captain, one First Lieutenant, and one Second Lieutenant; each of said Regiments to consist of ten Companies, and of seven hundred and eighty Officers and men.

Sec. 2. In order to raise said Regiments, the Governor is authorized and directed to establish such recruiting stations, and appoint such Recruiting Officers as he shall think fit, for the recruiting of able bodied volunteers for said Regiments, and in case the two Regiments to be mustered into service without delay shall not be filled within six days next after any further requisition shall be made on this State by the President of the United States for military aid, and before the tenth day of June, A. D. 1861, he shall cause a sufficient number of the citizens of this State, able to do military duty, to fill said Regiments, to be drafted for service in said Regiments from the several towns in this State in proportion to their population, but such draft shall be so made as to make the number of each town, both volunteers and drafted men, as nearly equal as practicable in proportion to the population of the various towns, and in case the four Regiments provided for in the discretion of the Governor shall not be filled in fifteen days after the issuing of an order therefor, the same shall be filled by draft as aforesaid.

Sec. 3. No person shall be received as volunteer, pursuant to this Act, whose age shall be less than twenty-one years, except by the written consent of his Guardian, if he has one, or who shall be less than five feet, four inches and one-half in height, or who shall have any such physical infirmity as to render him unfit for active service.

Sec. 4. Such volunteers and drafted men or such suitable substitute as shall be furnished by them, shall be required to serve this State, and the United States, when duly called for, for the period of two years from and after the first day of June, A. D. 1861, unless sooner discharged from service.

Sec. 5. Each officer, volunteer and drafted man, or substitute, from the date of his commission, or volunteering, or being drafted or substituted, shall be subject to the rules and articles provided for the government of the armies of the United States, now in force or which may be hereafter in force.

Sec. 6. The Governor shall provide suitable and sufficient instruction in drill and the military art generally for such men, as fast as they shall volunteer or be drafted or substituted, as aforesaid, and as fast as sufficient number shall be received as volunteers, or be drafted or substituted as aforesaid, they shall be formed into Companies, and Regiments under the direction of the Governor, as provided in section one of this act.

Sec. 7. As fast as such Companies shall be so raised, and formed, the same shall be duly uniformed, armed and equip-

ped, and shall be regularly drilled and instructed at such places as shall be selected by the Governor for that purpose, and shall for that purpose go into barracks or encampment until ordered into actual service.

Sec. 8. The Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, Majors, Chaplains and Quarter-Masters for said Regiments shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor, and the Colonels shall appoint the staff officers of their respective Regiments, and the Surgeon and Surgeon's mate shall be elected by the Regimental Officers. The Quarter-Masters, upon entering upon the duties of their office, shall give bonds to the Treasurer of the State, in such sum and with such sureties as the Governor shall direct and approve, which bonds shall be filed in the office of the Treasurer, and in case of breach, prosecuted under the direction of the Auditor of Accounts.

Sec. 9. Each Company shall elect its officers; the commissioned officers shall receive their commissions from the Governor, the warrant officers their warrants in accordance with the usages in the army of the United States.

Sec. 10. The commissioned officers shall receive the same pay and rations as are received by like officers in the army of the United States; the non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, shall receive, from the time of their enlistment until they shall be ordered into actual service, the same pay provided for like officers, musicians and privates in the Army of the United States, and seven dollars per month each in addition thereto, and after they shall be mustered into the service of the United States, they shall receive, in addition to the compensation paid by the United States, the sum of seven dollars per month each.

Sec. 11. The seven dollars per month pay provided for non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, by this act shall not be paid at the expiration of each month, but shall remain in the Treasury of the State, the amount there accumulated to the credit of any soldier shall be used and appropriated by the Treasurer to pay such orders as may be drawn on him, under authority of law, for the support and maintenance of the family of such soldier. But if the pay so accumulated to the credit of any soldier shall not be drawn from the Treasury on such orders, it shall be paid to such soldier, or his legal representatives, at the expiration of his term of service.

Sec. 12. The Governor is hereby authorized and directed to procure immediately a sufficient quantity of arms and equipments for the six Regiments herein provided for.

Sec. 13. When it shall be necessary to draft men in pursuance of any of the provisions of this act, it shall be done in the manner provided by the fourth section of an act entitled "an act relating to the Militia," approved October 30, 1844.

Sec. 14. Whenever any Company of the uniformed Militia of this State shall be ordered into service by the Governor, agreeably to the provisions of this act, the officers and men comprising such Company or Companies shall be subject to the same regulations and entitled to the same pay as the officers and men comprising Companies organized under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 15. The lists of any town neglecting to make the returns required by this act, shall forfeit and pay to the State Treasurer, for the benefit of the State, the sum of fifty dollars, and it is hereby made the duty of the Auditor of Accounts to prosecute the same to effect; and it shall be the duty of the Adjutant and Inspector-General to forward suitable blanks for the Town Clerks of the several towns in this State for the lists to fill to carry out the provisions hereinbefore enacted.

Sec. 16. The provisions of this bill shall in no manner interfere with the present organization of the uniformed Militia.

Sec. 17. This Act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved April 26, 1861.

No. 3.—An Act providing pay for the Regiments of this State and expenses incident to their support.

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. The Captains of the respective Companies organized in this State, when mustered into the service of this State, for actual

service, shall make monthly returns of the service performed by all the members thereof, to the Colonels of their respective Regiments; the Colonels shall make like returns, based upon the said Company returns, and the service of the Regimental officers to the Adjutant General, a copy of which shall be furnished to the Auditor of Accounts; and the Auditor of Accounts, on the certificate of the Colonel of each Regiment shall certify the same to the Governor, who shall draw his warrant in favor of the Quarter Master of each Regiment therefor, except in such cases as are now, or may hereafter be, provided for by law. And all other moneys to be expended in the arming, equipping, uniforming, paying, and in every other way and manner supporting and provisioning the troops of this State, in actual service and any and all expenses connected therewith shall be made under the direction of the Governor, who shall draw his warrant therefor on the Treasurer of the State in favor of such person or persons as may be designated by him.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved April 26, 1861.

No. 4.—An Act making an Appropriation for arming, &c., the Militia of the State.

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. The sum of one million of dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of more perfectly organizing, arming, equipping, drilling and providing for the Militia of this State and for such other purposes as may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. The Treasurer of the State is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, to borrow on the credit of the State, for immediate use for the purposes specified in the first section of this act, a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and issue therefor the bonds of this State, in such form, for such amounts (and payable at such Bank in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, as the Treasurer may from time to time designate, giving public notice thereof) at such times, not exceeding ten years from the dates thereof as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Treasurer, shall deem expedient, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent per annum payable semi-annually with interest on the principal, and the bonds shall be signed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and countersigned by the Treasurer, and be made negotiable, and a copy of this act, certified by the Secretary of State, shall be printed upon the back of said bonds, and in the event that future exigencies shall, in the opinion of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, require it, and they shall so order the Treasurer shall borrow upon the credit of the State for the purposes specified in the first section of this act an additional sum not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and issue bonds therefor in the same manner, upon the same conditions, and with like limitations as set forth in this section.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall keep in his office a full register of all the bonds which may be issued as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved, April 25, 1861.

No. 5.—An Act relating to the election of Officers in the Uniformed Militia, and providing for the appointment of Regimental, Field and Staff Officers.

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of regimental field officers, or of Captains or subalterns in any regiment or company of the uniformed volunteer militia of the State, and in the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief any exigency of the public service shall require that the vacancy shall be filled upon less notice than is now required by law an election may be ordered to be held forthwith, or upon such short notice as shall be designated in the notice directing the election, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the officer receiving the order forthwith to give notice to the electors, and an election held in pursuance to such order shall be valid.

Sec. 2. The Commander-in-Chief shall have power to appoint the regimental field officers that may be required for the First Regiment of the Volunteer Militia, which shall be called into active service upon any requisition of the President of the United States; and the Colonel shall appoint the staff officers of the Regiment, the Quarter Master to be approved by the Governor, and before entering upon the duties of his office he shall give bonds to the Treasurer of the State in such sum and with such sureties and conditioned as the Governor shall direct and approve, which bonds shall be filed in the office of the Treasurer, and in case of breach, prosecuted under the direction of the Auditor of Accounts.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved April 25, 1861.

No. 6.—An Act providing for payment for Military Uniforms.

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. The Governor is hereby authorized to draw orders on the Treasurer of the State in favor of the several commanders of companies, that have been detached for service, for the payment of the expenses of uniforming such persons as have enlisted into such companies, who shall go into the service of the United States under the requisition of the President.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved, April 26, 1861.

No. 7.—AN ACT PROVIDING PAY FOR THE UNIFORMED MILITIA.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, as follows:

Sec. 1. Whenever the uniformed volunteer Militia of this State shall be called into active service, under the requisition of the President of the United States, each member of any Company, detailed for service, shall receive from the State of Vermont the sum of seven dollars per month, in addition to the pay to which he shall be entitled from the United States.

Sec. 2. Whenever a company of uniformed Militia shall be ordered to hold itself in readiness for active service, each member of the Company, who shall obey the order of the commanding officer of his Company, and report himself for duty, pursuant to the order of the Commander-in-Chief, shall be entitled to receive from the State pay at the rate of eighteen dollars per month for all the time which shall elapse from the time he shall so report himself, until he shall actually be entitled to receive pay from the United States, or the order of the Commander-in-Chief be countermanded.

Sec. 3. The seven dollars per month pay provided for non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates by this act, shall not be paid at the expiration of each month, but shall remain in the Treasury of the State. The amount thus accumulated to the credit of any soldier, shall be used and appropriated by the Treasurer to pay such orders as may be drawn on him, under authority of law, for the support and maintenance of the families of such soldier.

But if the pay so accumulated to the credit of any soldier shall not be drawn from the Treasury on such orders, it shall be paid to such soldier or his legal representatives at the expiration of his term of service.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved, April 26, 1861.

No. 8.—An Act to privilege soldiers from arrest.

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. All officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates who may be enrolled in this State, for service under the Government of the United States, shall, while under orders for service either under the authority of this State or the United States, (in all cases except for treason, felony, and breach of the peace,) be privileged from arrest and imprisonment, from the date of such enrollment to the time of their discharge from such service.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved April 26, 1861.

No. 9.—An Act to provide for the families of citizens of Vermont mustered into the service of the United States.

It is hereby enacted &c.:

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint a suitable agent, on application, in any town in this State from whence any citizen has gone into actual service, under any requisition from the President of the United States upon the Governor of this State, leaving a family dependent upon him, which agent shall inquire into the condition of any such family, and report to the Governor what assistance, if any, in his judgment such family may require, and should receive from the State, for its comfort and support, and draw an order on the State Treasurer for the amount thereof, and if such order is approved and countersigned by the Governor, the same shall be paid by the Treasurer to such agent and be expended for the purposes aforesaid under his direction.

Sec. 2. All money due from this State to any soldier, from the seven dollar per

month fund, shall be paid upon the written order of such soldier, when said soldier is within this State, and when out of this State shall be paid upon the written order of the Selectmen of the Town in which the family of such soldier resides, if such soldier leave one in this State and by such Selectmen paid over to such family; and if such soldier leave no family residing in this State the same shall be paid upon the written order of such soldier or his legal representative. *Provided*, that no order shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State for less than seven dollars unless such soldier shall decrease or be discharged from service and such order shall be countersigned by the Quarter Master General of the Regiment in which said soldier shall serve, and no money payable or receive under the provisions of this act shall be subject to attachment by trustee process.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved April 26, 1861.

No. 10.—An act in addition to Chapter 84 of the Compiled Statutes, relating to Banks.

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. Section 74 of Chapter 84 of the Compiled Statutes shall not be so construed as to prevent any bank from loaning to the State of Vermont, or to the Government of the United States, a sum exceeding ten per cent of its capital stock.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved, April 26, 1861.

No. 11.—An Act to provide for a State tax and for the payment of the expenses of this Extra Session of the General Assembly.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont as follows:

Sec. 1. A tax of two cents on the dollar is hereby assessed on the list of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the year 1860, to be paid into the treasury of the State by the fifteenth day of October next, in money, certificates or notes signed by the Treasurer of the State.

Sec. 2. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the debentures of the Lieutenant Governor, the Senate, and House of Representatives and the contingent expenses of the General Assembly at this extra session thereof.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved, April 26, 1861.

No. 12.—An Act to pay the Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, the Librarian and his Assistants, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk and Assistant Clerks of the House of Representatives, respectively the sums therein mentioned.

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. The Auditor of Accounts is hereby directed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of George A. Merrill, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, for the sum of fifty dollars; also an order in favor of Charles Reed, Librarian, for himself and assistant for the sum of twenty-five dollars; also an order in favor of Carlisle J. Gleason, Secretary of the Senate, for the sum of seventy-five dollars; also an order in favor of Harry E. Miner, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, for the sum of fifty dollars; also an order in favor of Charles Cummings, Clerk of the House of Representatives, for the sum of one hundred dollars; also an order in favor of Edward A. Stewart, Edward S. Dana, and Merritt Barber, Assistant Clerks of the House of Representatives and Jephth Bradley, Auditor of Accounts for the sum of fifty dollars each; said sums being in full compensation for the services rendered by said officers during and in consequence of the present special session of the General Assembly.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.
Approved, April 26, 1861.

No. 13.—An Act in addition to an Act entitled "an Act relating to the sureties of the late State Treasurer."

It is hereby enacted, &c.:

Sec. 1. The Committee appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this State, entitled, "An Act relating to the sureties of the late State Treasurer," and approved November 26, 1860, are hereby given, and shall have all and the same power that any Court of law in this State may possess, to summon and bring before them witnesses, and to compel them to testify; and said Committee shall have full power to issue the usual warrants and processes, for said purpose, given under their hands, and in conformity to the rules of law which such Court may have.

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